

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1, 2, 4-6, and 8-10.

Please amend claims 7 and 11-16 as set forth below.

Please add new independent claim 17.

1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus comprising the steps of:

providing a substance chemically reactive to a suspected drug, the substance being provided in the form of a blend including the substance and finger nail polish; and

coating the substance and finger nail polish blend in the form of a layer on at least one finger nail of a user;

moistening the layer on the at least one finger nail with liquid from a beverage possibly including the suspected drug; and

observing any change of the layer, wherein the change indicates the presence of the suspected drug in the beverage.

8-10 (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the step of providing includes providing a plurality of substances chemically reactive to a plurality of suspected drugs, each of the plurality of substances being provided in the form of a separate blend including one each of the plurality of substances and finger nail polish.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 11 wherein the step of coating includes coating one each of the ~~plurality of substances chemically reactive to a plurality of suspected drugs~~ separate blends on different fingers nails.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus comprising the steps of:

providing a substance chemically reactive to a suspected drug;

coating the substance in the form of a layer on at least one finger nail of a user;

moistening the substance on the finger nail with liquid from a beverage possibly including the suspected drug; and

observing any change of the layer on the finger nail, wherein the change indicates the presence of the suspected drug in the beverage.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 13 wherein the step of providing includes blending the substance with finger nail polish and the step of coating includes painting the polish on ~~a finger nail~~ of the at least one finger nail.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 13 wherein the step of coating includes coating the substance in the form of a layer on each of a plurality of fingers nails and the step of moistening includes moistening the substance on each of the plurality of fingers nails at different times from the same or different beverages.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 13 wherein the step of providing includes providing a plurality of substances chemically reactive to a plurality of suspected drugs and the step of coating includes coating the plurality of substances, one each, on a similar plurality of fingers nails.

17. (New) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus comprising the steps of:

providing a substance chemically reactive to a suspected drug, the substance being provided in the form of a decal having a layer of the substance thereon; and

positioning the decal on a finger of a user in one of the following positions: a finger nail, under a finger nail, and on the pad of a finger;

moistening the decal with liquid from a beverage possibly including the suspected drug; and

observing any change of the decal, wherein the change indicates the presence of the suspected drug in the beverage.